

**Docket No.**  
**Mueller-40**

## Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

### English Language Declaration

**As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:**

**My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,**

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled  
**Method for Producing Metal Oxides Dispersibles in Organic Solvents**

the specification of which

(check one)

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on January 3, 2002 as United States Application No. or PCT International  
Application Number 10/030,066  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

### Prior Foreign Application(s)

**Priority Not Claimed**

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## Germany

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 119(e) of any United States provisional

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(Filing Date)

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U. S. C. Section 120 of any United States application(s), or Section 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, C. F. R., Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (list name and registration number)

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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS we, Frank Michael Bohnen, a citizen of Germany and resident of Osthofen, Germany; Katja Siepen, a citizen of Germany and resident of Kuerten, Germany; Karen Reitz, a citizen of Germany and resident of Eddelak, Germany; and Paul K. Hurlburt, a citizen of the United States and resident of Leander, Texas, United States, have made an invention in a **Method for Producing Metal Oxides Dispersibles in Organic Solvents** for which we filed an application for United States Letters Patent, Serial No. 10/030,066, on 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2002;

WHEREAS SASOL Germany GmbH, a corporation of Germany, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," of Ueberseering 40, D-22297 Hamburg, Germany, is desirous of acquiring the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by us, we have assigned, sold, transferred and set over and by these presents do assign, sell, transfer and set over unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to (a) said invention and worldwide rights therein, (b) said application, including all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part and substitutions thereof, and (c) all United States and foreign patents which shall issue on said inventions, including all reissues, renewals and extensions thereof, for the United States, its territories and possessions and all foreign countries, including the right to file applications for Letters Patent on said invention in any and all foreign countries, the same to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE, its assigns and successors, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us, had this assignment and sale not been made.

We covenant and agree that we will, at any time upon the request and at the expense of said ASSIGNEE, execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable, in the opinion of said ASSIGNEE, to enable and assist said ASSIGNEE to (a) obtain Letters Patent, both domestic and foreign, on said invention, (b) establish, maintain and secure title in said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to said invention, application and Letters Patent, including making such title of lawful public record, and (c) defend, establish or otherwise preserve the validity of said Letters Patent against any and all infringers, and perform such other acts as are necessary to give full force and effect to this assignment.

We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue all Letters Patent based on said application and all said divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, reissues, renewals and extension to said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have duly executed this assignment as follows:

Date: <u>03/27/02</u> (month/day/year)	<u>Frank Michael Bohnen</u> Frank Michael Bohnen
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